

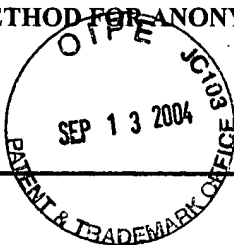
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Small Entity)**

Docket No.  
WVA-12202/04

In Re Application Of: Valdemar L. Washington

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
09/784,462	February 15, 2001	Chad Zhong	25006	2154	2833

Invention: **METHOD FOR ANONYMOUSLY COMMUNICATING EMPLOYEE COMMUNICATIONS TO AN EMPLOYER**



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This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of May 14, 2004 in the above-identified application.  
*Date*

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☒ One month    ☐ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: August 14, 2004    until: September 14, 2004  
*Date*    *Date*

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

The fee for the extension of time is \$55 and is to be paid as follows:

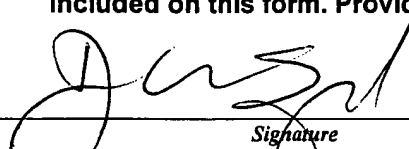
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☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 07-1180

☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

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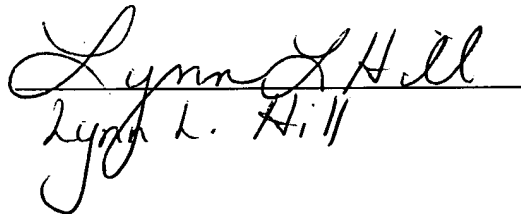
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